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Transmitted herewith is a Response concerning the U.S. Patent Application of

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For:

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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the above identified Office Action, Applicant hereby respectfully responds.

## 1. Office Action.

By way of the Office Action, claims 1-23 were subject to a restriction requirement. The Examiner identified two inventions as set forth in Claims 1-21 drawn to a container apparatus and as set forth in Claims 22-23 drawn to a method of using an animal treat ball.